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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled, but the subject matter thereof and related subject matter fully

supported in the specification have been re-presented in new claims 2-6 to clarify that which the

Applicants' deem to be the invention.

The enclosed Declaration of Dr. Bharti Temkin shows that common subject matter of the

reference cited in the Action, Watson, K. et al., "Development of Haptic Stereoscopic Virtual

Environments," Proc. 12th Symp. IEEE/Computer-Based Medical Systems CBMS, June 19-20,

1999, was the work of Dr. Temkin and not usable as a reference against this application.

Concurrence of Drs. Heinrichs, Krummel and Gorman will be provided under separate cover, if

needed.

Further examination and allowance of claims 2-6 is requested. The art does not anticipate

or obviate the subject matter thereof.

If questions remain, please call Applicants' attorney, collect, at the number given above.

If any sums are owed, please charge Deposit Account 03-2410, order no. 12001-104. A

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